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Sir:

Petitioner, Tokyo Electron Limited ("assignee"), duly organized under the laws of Japan and having its principal place of business at 3-6 Akasaka 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107, Japan, represents that it is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, Serial No. 09/478,370 filed January 6, 2000, for PLASMA PROCESS APPARATUS in the name of assignee, as indicated by assignment(s) duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 7282, Frame 0552, and is and at all times was the only assignee of application Serial No. 357,423, filed December 16, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,525,159 for PLASMA

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PROCESS APPARATUS in the name of assignee, as indicated by assignment(s) duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 7282, Frame 0552. Assignee further represents that to the best of its knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application and the United States Patent No. 5,525,159 are in assignee, which is submitting this Terminal Disclaimer.

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